

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 1 and ending on page 4, line 10 with the following amended paragraph.

In yet another embodiment, the application programs and data are not stored within memory host module 12. Instead, memory host module 12 has an external interface 28 to an external system (~~not shown~~)²⁹. Application programs and data are routed from external system (~~not shown~~)²⁹, to external interface 28, through memory host module 12 to module interface 24, over backplane 32, to module interface 34 and memory 40 of option module 14. A different interface to an external system, for example, would allow updating via the Internet 50, to a modem 52 connected to backplane 32 so that an entity could nearly instantaneously update all such PLC systems by making a single update at a central location such as main office 54.